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Group Art Unit: 1724

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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to credit a refund to Deposit Account No. 04-1420 for an overpayment which seems to have occurred in the processing of the above-identified patent application.

Specifically, on May 10, 2005, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing art from a related PCT application. The mailing date of the International Search Report is March 14, 2005. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed within the 90 day period. A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and International Search Report is enclosed for your convenience.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$180.00 to be credited to Deposit Account No.04-1420.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. The identified references were cited by the International Search Authority in a corresponding PCT application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent references are not provided.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should any fees be deemed necessary, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		US- 5,078,683	01/07/1992	Sancoff et al.	
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		US- 6,110,259	08/29/2000	Schultz et al.	
		US- 6,589,316 B1	07/08/2003	Schultz et al.	
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B01D 46/00
 US CL : 55/467, 385.2

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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 U.S. : 55/467, 385.2, 385.1, 385.4, 473, 486, 503, 505, 524; 95/273, 286; 604/23, 26, 27, 28, 35, 264

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,779,662 A (BERMAN) 14 July 1998, see entire document	1-14, 17
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